



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MSDH REQUEST FOR BEST AND FINAL OFFER PLEASE READ AND RESPOND

July 12, 2021

RE: **Emergency RFP #002 Statewide COVID-19 School Screening Testing**

Dear Vendor,

Thank you for submitting a proposal in response to our emergency solicitation, ERF-002 MSDH COVID-19 School Screening Testing. We have begun review of your proposals and now ask you to review the following request and submit your Best and Final Offer in response by **Wednesday, July 14, 2021, by 9:00 AM CST**.

After reviewing the responses, MSDH is requesting the following:

In section 10.e.ii of the RFP, MSDH requests the use of two options for screening testing:

10. Testing Algorithm

This screening program is not designed for symptomatic individuals. Any symptomatic student or teacher/staff should continue to be excluded from the school/school district and be evaluated by their primary medical provider. Interested school districts will offer voluntary testing (performed by the vendor) of asymptomatic teachers, employees and students as follows:

- e. Screening Test Types:
 - i. All COVID-19 tests used by the Vendor for school screening testing must have an FDA EUA.
 - ii. The Vendor may use either of the two options for screening testing:
 - 1. The Vendor may use Molecular or PCR tests (with an EUA) for all asymptomatic screening testing discussed in this contract.
 - 2. The Vendor may use initial screening rapid Antigen tests (with an EUA) for asymptomatic screening of students, teachers, and staff.
 - a. If antigen tests are used for initial screening, the Vendor must perform Molecular or PCR testing on all positives identified on initial screening. The follow up molecular/PCR testing should have a turnaround time of less than 24-48 hours.

MSDH is now requiring the use of Option 2 (Rapid antigen as the initial test with a confirmatory PCR if positive). **NOTE: As stated in the Questions / Answers, this does not open the door for pooled testing, pooled testing is still not in scope in the Screening Testing RFP.**

The vendor must use Rapid Antigen as the initial test and a PCR as the confirmatory test if the initial test is positive. Please submit a revised cost sheet to provide a Best and Final Offer to update your proposal to meet Option 2. Please mark your new cost sheet as BAFO. If you do not require any changes, please submit a response by email as required below stating that there are no changes to your proposal.

Please submit your response by email **Subject: ERF-002 BAFO Response**. Ms. Dotson is out of the office and unavailable. Your response must be received by **Wednesday, July 14, 2021, by 9:00 AM CST**. Please submit your response to:

cc: Teselyn.Funches1@msdh.ms.gov
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Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you soon. **As always, please check our website for any updates and additional information regarding this emergency solicitation.**

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